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The newsletter for faculty and staff

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The services of the UCF Victim's Advocate Program is available to students, staff and faculty. See page 5.

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Consortium receives grant for distance learning

A grant of \$800,000 for the development of distance learning through the Central Florida Consortium of Higher Education may be one of the answers to handling the expected increases in student population facing Florida colleges over the next decade.

The grant will be used to prepare faculty, staff and students for making greater and more effective use of learning environments where the

teacher and learner are physically separated. The payoff in distance learning is big savings in time and money, for students as well as the colleges.

The consortium includes UCF and six surrounding community colleges: Brevard, Central Florida, Daytona Beach, Lake-Sumter, Seminole and Valencia community colleges. The UCF contingent will act as the fiscal manager, but all of the

colleges will receive a portion of the grant, depending on involvement and participation.

According to Lucy Morse, the director and co-principal investigator for the consortium, freshmen do better in traditional classes and need the face-to-face connection with faculty, but distance learning can be just as effective as regular classes for many students, particularly non-traditional students.

"It works best with graduate students and students who have other demands on their time," she said. Students who have jobs and families find that distance learning saves them from having to drive long distances to classes. When Larry Hudson, UCF industrial education professor, pioneered the first interactive distance learning at UCF 10 years ago, most of

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Conference gives educators peek at future classrooms

Imagine high school American history classes where students can observe the Battle of Gettysburg from the battlefield itself without ever leaving the classroom. Or literature classes where a professor in London can give a lecture on William Shakespeare to students on the opposite side of the Atlantic Ocean. Or algebra classes where students are tutored by computers.

If experts are right, the classroom of the future will be equipped with technology so advanced it will look more like the Starship Enterprise than it will the place most of us learned our ABCs. There will still be desks and blackboards, but there will also be personal computers, virtual reality centers and monitors that allow students to interact with instructors who are time zones away.

To help prepare today's teachers for tomorrow's classrooms, the University of Central Florida is hosting the 12th International

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The Start Of Something Good



University administrators and friends dig in with the traditional groundbreaking ceremony for UCF's computer science building. From left to right, are David Williams, AT&T and a member of the computer science board of advisors; Bill Branch, director of computer services; Terry Frederick, chair for the computer science department; James Heekin Jr., member of the Board of Regents; President John Hitt; Edward Sheridan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; John Bolte, vice president for Administration and Finance; Relf Crissey, Loral and member of the board of advisors; and Vince Amico, computer science staff and member of the board of advisors.

UCF students tutor youths in program linked with baseball

Upwards of 200 University of Central Florida students have been penciled into the lineup of Orlando's Jackie Robinson Little League in a tutoring program designed to help the league's 450 youthful ballplayers score in the classroom.

In a partnership combining baseball and education, the UCF students, many aspiring teachers, divide each week into groups of about 35 and help the young players come to terms with mathematics, English,

science and other subjects, much like the baseball coaches who help the youths cope with the finer points of the national pastime.

The Jackie Robinson Little League, named for the first African-American to break into major league baseball, serves youths in the 5-15 age group in mostly minority neighborhoods west of Interstate 4. The league was founded last year by James Perry, an Orlando attorney, as a recreational magnet to draw young people into larger learning experiences. The

tutoring program, new this year, is the central feature of the league's educational activities.

The UCF professor who serves as a kind of team manager to the UCF tutors regards the university's largest-ever volunteer tutoring effort as a two-way learning adventure. Referring to all UCF volunteers regardless of majors, Larry Holt, chair of the educational foundations department in the College of Education, said each tutor's understanding of diversity will be

broadened by interactions with life situations very different from their own. In addition, he said, the UCF participants "will learn the importance of being there" by working with younger students who will rely and look forward to the weekly sessions.

The tutors preparing for teaching careers will profit directly from the program by helping satisfy a requirement that first semester

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MEMORANDUM

To: All university deans, directors and property custodians
From: Linda Bonta, university controller
Subject: Disbursement and refund checks

It has come to my attention that some departmental personnel are requesting payments to vendors and/or refund checks and are then wanting to pick up the checks rather than having them mailed directly to the student or vendor. Good internal control procedures dictate that the person initiating a payment of any kind should not be allowed to receive the funds they have requested. This is to remind you that departmental personnel are not allowed to pick up checks. When documentation is to be included with a payment, it should be attached to the request for payment. When a check is to be mailed to an address other than the address on our vendor file (or in the case of refunds on student data base) the address on our files is to be updated or the payee may pick the check up in the cashier's office upon presentation of proper identification.

To: provost, vice presidents, deans, directors and faculty
From: E. Garth Jenkins, student affairs
Subject: President's Leadership Council applications

It is time to select members of the President's Leadership Council for 1995-96. In addition to recognizing exemplary students who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, scholarship and service, the President's Leadership Council has been established for the dual purpose of serving the university while educating and developing each PLC member.

The council serves UCF as official student ambassadors, both on and off campus, at events such as Board of Regents visits and Freshman Honors Convocation.

Through specially designed programs, meeting and presentations, and through interaction with campus and community leaders, PLC members receive specialized training in leadership, administrative and public relations skills. Each selected PLC member will receive a service scholarship for two semesters.

Please encourage qualified students to apply. Applicants should be of junior standing or higher (at least 60 hours completed at time of application), with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and should have demonstrated leadership ability through campus and community involvement. A completed application and two letters of recommendation are required.

Additional information and applications are now available in the Student Affairs suite, administration building, room 282. They are due in Student Affairs by March 10 at 5 p.m. If there are any questions, please contact my office at x2824.

To: University community
From: Sharon Ekern, purchasing
Subject: Bid threshold

Effective Jan. 9, the threshold amount for Category two was increased from \$10,000 to \$11,000. This will change the amount for which bids, request for proposals and sole sources are required; however, our competitive quote amounts (\$3,500 for verbal/\$5,000 for written) will remain the same.

Other increases to the categories listed in s. 287.017(1), F.S., are as follows:

- (1) Category one: \$5,500
- (2) Category two: \$11,000
- (3) Category three: \$22,000
- (4) Category four: \$70,000
- (5) Category five: \$140,000

One other change that will result is the threshold amount for written agreements for contractual services, which will increase from \$5,000 to \$5,500 (Category one).

To: University community
From: Barth Engert, university commencement committee
Subject: Commencement ceremonies are scheduled as follows in the UCF Arena on Saturday, May 6:

| Time | Colleges |
|--------|---|
| 8 a.m. | College of Arts and Sciences |
| noon | College of Education |
| 4 p.m. | College of Health and Public Affairs |
| 8 p.m. | Colleges of Business Administration and Engineering |

To: Faculty and staff
From: John Bush, registrar's office
Subject: Diplomas on demand

More than 1,700 students received their degrees at December commencement. Spring 1995 graduation is expected to be the largest in UCF's history—more than 2,700 students have filed intents to graduate.

With new software, the graduation section of the registrar's office is now printing the UCF diplomas. Used for the first time for December 1994 graduates, the new process will save the university considerable printing costs and allow us to print diplomas for earlier delivery. Diplomas for May 1995 graduates will be distributed at commencement.

To: Contracts and grants principal investigators
From: Beverly DeLong, associate controller
Subject: Revised fringe benefit rates for grant proposals

The following are the new fringe benefit rates for salary disbursements occurring after Jan. 1, on accounts in the Sponsored Research Trust Fund. The following fringe benefits rates are for all salary/OPS personnel on established payroll lines. Please exclude consultants and independent contractors in the business of offering services on a contract basis for a limited period of time.

These rates are estimates for grant proposals only. Actual fringe costs will be charged to each grant based on the individual employee's actual fringe benefits costs.

| CATEGORY | SALARIED | OPS | |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Temp/Adjunct & Research | Graduate & Student |
| Retirement | 17.66% | | |
| Social Security | 7.65% | 7.656% | |
| Workman's Comp | .30% | .30% | .30% |
| Unemployment Comp | 0% | | |
| Health | 5.29% | | |
| State Life Ins | .15% | | |
| General Liability | .81% | | |
| DOA Personnel Assess | .05% | | |
| Annual & Sick Pool | 3.01% | | |
| Total | 34.92% | 7.95% | 0.30% |

Please note that these revised rates include an amount for terminating employees' accrued annual and sick leave. We began July 1, 1992 accumulating funds to be used to pay accumulated leave amounts for terminating employees who have been paid from grants.

Please direct questions to Penny Lehmuth, accountant, at x2541. These rates are subject to change each January.

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Conference on Technology and Education (ICTE), Feb. 28-March 3.

As many as 1,000 teachers, researchers, professors, administrators and technologists from more than 40 nations—representing both public- and private-sector schools, business and industry—will attend the conference at the Hyatt Orlando Hotel in Kissimmee. There they will discuss the latest advances in technology for the classroom and explore possibilities for the future.

"The tools teachers and students need are no longer just pencils and paper or protractors. The tools of today—and tomorrow—are computers and computer-based technologies," said Donna Baumbach, director of Instructional Technology at the University of Central Florida's College of Education.

Ignoring that high-tech trend would be akin to shunning the electric typewriter in favor of an ink-dipped quail feather, Baumbach said. With today's technology, vast libraries of information are at students' fingertips, and there are ways to learn that were not even imagined just a decade ago. Recent surveys show that computers are in over 95 percent of American schools. In most, the computer-student ratio is about one to 10 or 15. Even in many kindergarten classes, time is set aside each day for children to work on computers.

"Moving to learning environments that are student-centered, information-based and technology-rich is an evolutionary process, not a revolutionary one," Baumbach said. "Learning more about technology and how it is being used—creating a vision, dreaming the dream, and sharing and shaping it with others—is the first step in the process of any educator."

To educate those educators, internationally recognized experts in educational technology will lecture at the ICTE, debate, have panel discussions and present papers. All designed to help educators take a proactive role in educational technology. The conference will explore, among other topics, technologies coming to the education marketplace and new and better ways to enhance learning with technology. A major exhibition by educational institutions, publishers, hardware and software companies will be held in conjunction with the conference.

The ICTE is sponsored by the University of Central Florida, T.H.E. Journal and the University of Texas at Austin.

Official Ballot

To spotlight the UCF Employee of the Month

I nominate:

(name)

(campus address)

to be UCF Employee of the Month. (Nominee must have been a University Support Personnel System employee at least two years.) Any employee, including faculty and A&P, may nominate a candidate on the basis of job performance, dependability, attitude, etc. A name submitted remains in the pool of eligible candidates for one year.

Signed:

(name)

(campus address, phone)

Cut ballot and return to personnel, ADM 230, EOM. (Mark envelope "confidential.")

THIS ISSUE:

This issue of The UCF Report is for the weeks of Friday, Feb. 17-23 and Feb. 24-March 2. It is the 15th issue of fiscal year 1994-95.

WHAT HAPPENED THEN:

Feb. 25, 1987—Dedication of the UCF/Daytona Beach Community College Education Center, Daytona Beach.

March 7, 1969—Florida Technological University's athletic program is authorized by the Board of Regents.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

■ Faculty and staff are invited to attend the gala opening of the Brevard Community College/UCF Joint-Use Library at the BCC Cocoa Campus on Sunday, Feb. 19, 4-6 p.m. The new library has been called "the most technologically advanced library in the world" by noted experts. Marvin Pollard, a nationally respected consultant in library design, said, "I've traveled all over, from Alaska to Arizona, and I've never seen anything like it. It's a dream library." There will be tours and demonstrations. Please R.S.V.P. by calling 623-1111, x6330. Black tie is optional.

■ The public administration department has moved from Phillips Hall to the health and physics building, room 202.

■ The Second Annual Excellence in Action Program event will be held on March 21, in the Student Center Auditorium, 4-6 p.m. It is free. For more information, call x2716.

■ UCF graduate Kim Minana was recently named director of corporate and foundation relations for the UCF Foundation. She is currently the president of UCF's Alumni Association. She previously served as a vice president for SunBank, culminating a 19-year career in banking. She will be responsible for soliciting major gifts from corporations and foundations.

■ The directors of the UCF Retirement Association have approved a \$100 contribution to WUCF, citing the station as "an extremely worthy recipient as the voice of the university." The allocation represents a portion of the retirement group's budget earmarked to support deserving campus activities, according to Nannette McInain, the association's president.

■ A forum on "The Black Family—Roles of Male and Female," will be held on Feb. 23, 8-10 pm. For location, call x2611.

■ Join a white water rafting trip on March 11-12. For more information, call x2611.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

It'll be months before another university holiday comes around—Memorial Day, which falls at the end of May. Better plan on using annual leave if you want any time off before that.

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Nobel Prize physicist to lecture on campus

Chen Ning Yang, who is a 1957 Nobel Prize winner in physics and winner of the 1986 National Medal of Science, will appear on campus as the



Chen Ning Yang

His second and more technical lecture is titled,

next speaker in the Distinguished Visiting Lecture Series sponsored by the mathematics department.

Yang will appear first on Monday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in the health and physics building, room 359. His talk, "Symmetry and Physics," is intended for all science and engineering students and faculty.

"The Yang-Baxter Equation." It will be delivered at 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in Phillips Hall, room 409.

Yang, the Albert Einstein Professor of Physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, has made deep and seminal contributions to many areas of theoretical physics, and more particularly, elementary particle theory and statistical mechanics. As one of the greatest physicists of this century, Yang has received innumerable honors. He has given lectures at several top-ranking universities in the United States and Europe. He is also a member of several prestigious organizations, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society of London.

The lectures are funded by the UCF Strategic Planning Council and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, and the departments of biology, mechanical and aerospace engineering, and physics.



Three representatives from UCF for the Central Florida Consortium of Higher Education, which includes UCF and six surrounding community colleges, continue to work on the distance-learning project made possible by an \$800,000 grant. From left to right, Steven Sorg, executive director for the consortium and an associate professor of vocational education at UCF; Lucy Morse, director and co-principal investigator for the consortium; and Rusty Okoniewski, co-principal investigator for the consortium.

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the students were teachers who lived too far from one of UCF's campuses to attend classes.

Rusty Okoniewski, a co-principal investigator for the project, said that there are new communication technologies available, but that only a few teachers know how to go about using them.

"Besides becoming familiar with the technology, teachers need to learn how to convert a traditional class into an effective distance-learning experience. Distance learning can create problems if classes aren't modified properly. Teachers don't get the usual feedback from students and students can easily be distracted. So the material needs to be clear and some means of measuring students' understanding must be devised. Also, teachers have to design a course so it captures students' attention," he said.

First on the list for the consortium is to develop a course, which is targeted to begin this fall. "It's not intended to be a hands-on course, but to serve more as a motivator to get teachers to try distance learning," Morse said.

Distance learning can be done with TV; teleconferencing, which can be one-way video, two-way audio or just audio; computer (a camera can be mounted on top of the monitor); fax machine; or e-mail.

"E-mail can be used for submitting homework or for personal conferences with the teachers," Okoniewski said.

Morse will head up the consortium's second task of developing the learner's support system: that is, helping students with the logistics of taking these courses.

"All of the institutions are working together to

try to change the way students register and how they go about obtaining financial aid. For instance, we would like to eliminate the need to register at different locations for classes that are offered from different campuses," she said. "We are working to help them with purchases for textbooks from the bookstores and their library research, also."

The third component of the project includes a learning laboratory and network that will help teachers develop and implement distance-learning classes. This component will include not only the training of teachers, but opportunities for them to practice using the technologies, and the design and testing of their classes.

Steven Sorg, the executive director for the consortium and a vocational education professor at UCF, said that all of the institutions are equally represented in the decision-making process.

"All are working in substantial ways on all of the different parts of this project," Sorg said. "We made sure that all parties had adequate information and got a voice in deciding how to go about doing this."

The Board of Directors for the consortium consists of the presidents of each of the seven institutions; the steering committee includes representatives from each of the six community colleges, plus three from UCF.

"The members of the consortium hope to produce a distance-learning prototype that educators can use for college as well as K-12," Sorg said.

The members of the consortium plan to reach more than 4,600 faculty members from the seven institutions in the consortium and more teachers in surrounding primary and secondary schools.

LEAD Scholars Program offers students new benefits

The LEAD Scholars Program is just one more reason for outstanding high school graduates to choose UCF. The new program, which will begin this fall with a charter group of about 200, offers special incentives for incoming students who have demonstrated strong leadership, scholarship and service.

According to Pam Anthrop, the director for the program, acceptance into the program is competitive. Students are selected based on their academic record, experience and interest in leadership and service. Prospective LEAD scholars must be admitted to UCF and apply separately to the program.

"Students will be selected from all the disciplines. We hope to have about 30 to 40 from each college," she said.

The LEADS Scholar program (LEADS stands for Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development) will give participants opportunities for leadership on campus, in the community and in the workplace

with supervision.

"This program is different from the Honors Program in that we're looking for a combination of outstanding traits. We're interested in the kind of students who will go on to become our leaders," she said.

Several other campuses—the University of Maryland, North Carolina State University, Duke University and Creighton University—offer similar programs

LEAD scholars will receive special citations, such as official notation on transcripts and recognition at their graduations. Selected scholarships and assistantships will also be available to them. They will receive other benefits, including campus computer accounts and selected campus housing.

Anthrop said that the LEADS scholars will work closely with faculty, staff, alumni and community leaders. "Each college will have its

own coordinator so that each of the students has a close connection to a faculty member. Students who have faculty connections are more likely to stay in college. And special topic courses for the scholars will incorporate technology, issues of diversity, internationalism and service to the community—all areas that should be of concern to our future leaders," Anthrop said.

The courses will focus on leadership traits, such as decision making, problem solving, communication, team work and ethics.

"They will also be exposed to top people in their fields as well as community leaders," Anthrop said.

UCF administrators hope to not only attract more outstanding students with this program, but to enhance the talents of these students who participate for two years in the program. The program is part of the Division of Enrollment and Academic Services.

Fantastic Tech For Educators



The College of Education held its first FantasTech Extravaganza, which featured demonstrations and practice sessions for the college's professors on Feb. 3 on campus. The event featured 12 faculty presentations, an interactive session on "Cable in the Classroom," presented by Dana Davis from Time Warner Cable, and a hole-in-one golf contest on computer. Some of the presentations allowed attendees to try out Techno-Zoo, Gymnastics Videodisc, foreign language software, music and technology, and other educational tools.

University showcases state's young artists with annual scholastic awards

Works from the state's best young artists will be splashed throughout the University of Central Florida's Art Gallery, Feb. 20-26.

Middle and high school students from 66 of the state's 67 counties (Dade is not represented) will be exhibiting their paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography and other art forms at the 1995 Scholastic Art Awards that week. On Feb. 26, an awards ceremony will take place 2-4 p.m. in UCF's Visual Arts Building.

UCF Art Gallery Director Steve Lotz said thousands of entries are expected and as many as 150 of the best will be displayed for the exhibit.

The Scholastic Arts Awards is held annually to encourage middle and high school students to develop their creativity and talents, and to showcase the best artworks in 14 categories, including graphic design, printmaking, textiles, ceramics and jewelry.

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education majors invest at least 20 hours in volunteer tutoring as a way of testing their interest and aptitude in the profession. "It's learning by doing," Holt said. "We [education faculty] can talk until we are blue in the face, but it will never equal the learning of hands-on experience."

Tutoring sessions, which began Feb. 8, are scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday during February at the James R. Smith Center, Bruton

This year is the 68th anniversary of the Scholastic Arts Awards nationally, and its 30th in Florida. The Scholastic Arts Awards is the oldest and largest program of its kind.

"What this does is honor creative students and bring recognition to the fine teaching going on at our schools," Lotz said.

Artists whose works are judged most outstanding will be awarded Gold Achievement Keys or Certificates of Merit. Blue Ribbon finalists—chosen from the Gold Key winners—will have their artworks sent to New York City for national judging, where they will compete with finalists from 68 other regions from across the United States. UCF's art department is sponsoring the Florida Regional Division for the second consecutive year. Nationally, the Scholastic Art Awards are conducted by Scholastic Inc.

Boulevard, and at the same time on Wednesday evenings from March 1 through April 19, at the John Jackson Community Center, 1002 W. Carter Street.

UCF tutors will be transported to two centers in buses furnished as a public service by Lynx and Mears Motor Coaches. Meals for tutors and students will be donated by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Women's Studies presents seminar on gaining tenure

UCF's Women's Studies is offering a seminar targeted toward tenure-track faculty women. The seminar is scheduled for Feb. 24.

It will cover criteria for tenure, goal setting, steps in publishing, benefits and pitfalls of committee work, women's working styles, using mentoring and networking, and understanding organizational culture.

UCF graduate Ann Barron will be the keynote speaker. Barron, who earned an M.A. in instructional technology in 1987 and a Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction in 1991 from UCF, is currently an associate professor of instructional technology at the University of South Florida. She was awarded tenure status in less than three years. Barron is also the associate director for the Florida Center for Instructional Technology and is the executive editor for the Journal of Interactive Instruction Development. She has co-authored four books, contributed individual chapters for five additional books, produced several computer tutorials and simulations, and published over 50 articles in her field. She is a frequent speaker at state, national and international conferences and workshops.

In addition, senior faculty women and administrators will furnish information from their areas of expertise. For registration forms and further information, contact Carole Adams, director of Women's Studies, at x2573.

Football team attracts larger crowds for home games

The UCF football Knights drew 39 percent more fans to their home games last fall than the previous year despite playing two fewer Citrus Bowl contests.

Paid attendance for the five 1994 home games totaled 114,752, or 22,950 per game, compared to 82,516 for the seven 1993 home battles, or 11,788 for each engagement, data from the UCF athletic ticket office show.

The UCF showing far eclipsed the attendance gain rung up nationally by 1-AA football schools. According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, 1-AA institutions passed the 6 million attendance mark for the first time in 1994, recording a 17 percent gain over the previous year.

The UCF Bookstore is offering a Personal Book Saver Program. Buy 10 books (not including required course books) and get the next book (of your choice) at half price. Available to students, faculty, staff and members of the campus community.

Register for the program at the textbook information window and you will receive a redemption card for validation. Cashiers will validate the number of books you purchase on your card.

An Open Letter to The University Community in Florida

Editor's Note: Chancellor Reed asks that this letter be presented to all faculty, staff and students.

Because of concerns expressed by employees and friends of the State University System of Florida, I want to clarify recent reports regarding budget reductions. The Board of Regents, the 10 university presidents, and I want you to know that:

In response to a directive from the chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the Board was required to submit a plan to reduce the SUS budget by 25 percent. This requirement was met on Feb. 1, 1995.

In our letter to the Senate, the Board said: "We do not recommend the implementation of this plan. Budget reductions of 25 percent would devastate our universities and destroy their ability to fulfill their individual missions."

Concerned about pressures on the state budget, the Senate asked all state agencies to submit a 25 percent budget reduction plan to encourage them to focus on their priorities for

providing services to our State's citizens. Many senators have reassured us that the SUS budget will not be reduced by 25 percent. The entire Legislature has stressed that, along with public safety, education is a top priority. The governor's budget proposal also recognizes the priority importance of education, granting the State University System a modest 3 percent increase.

These are important times for higher education in Florida. We continue to search for ways to be more productive in providing access to a college degree for the people of Florida. We value your service, and we look forward to a future in which the taxpayers, elected officials, students and our university communities continue to work together to build one of the best higher education systems in the nation.

Sincerely,
Charles B. Reed
Chancellor



Mayor Glenda Hood will speak on "Women in Politics," on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. The event, which is sponsored by the staff development committee of the Division of Student Affairs, is open to the UCF community.

UCF's victim advocate gives around-the-clock help for all members of campus community

Mary Ann McCunn, UCF's victim advocate, knows what it feels like to be a victim. Not only is she trained professionally to help all members of the UCF community, but she has been through it herself. She knows the pain, the anger, the questions, the legalities and the confusion.

Fifteen years ago, McCunn and her fiancée were driving home one night after discussing wedding plans. The wedding was only months off and the two of them planned to move to Orlando where she would attend UCF for a degree in criminal justice to go along with her A.A. in criminal justice from Indian River Community College.

But a head-on collision with a 17-year-old drunken driver derailed their plans. Instead of college, she underwent surgery 16 times over a period of years, in what seemed to her countless hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic.

"At that time, we didn't know what the outcome would be, whether I would be able to walk or not," McCunn said.

But the changes in her life were only temporary. She and her fiancée married three years after the accident and came to Orlando as planned.

"When I started at UCF, I was still in crutches, but I received a lot of help from student disability services and its director Louise Fridirici," she said.

Yet, the accident that set her back years led her in a unique direction. She earned a degree in public relations from UCF in 1988 and was drawn to the medical field because of her firsthand knowledge. She worked at several hospitals and a psychiatric care unit, but found the work unfulfilling.

Her volunteer work with MADD—Mothers Against Drunk Drivers—led to a full-time job as the organization's victim advocate. Her experience working with victims of DUIs for three years led to her appointment at UCF in March 1994.

McCunn said that the services that she provides to students, faculty and staff are confidential.

"Victims are not forced to file criminal charges if they don't want to go through the justice system. But when a crime was committed, I may encourage the victim to file. Then it is no longer confidential," she said. "Sometimes, victims aren't even sure if a crime has been committed. They can still talk to me and I can advise them. They don't even have to give me their name or all of the details to get some advice."

McCunn provides crisis intervention around



Mary Ann McCunn

the clock and practical assistance for those who choose to file criminal charges.

"I let them know what to expect from the judicial system, what their rights are and what options victims have," she said.

The most common problems are with violent relationships, which can include roommates or someone in a casual dating relationship. Over the last year, McCunn assisted 65 victims. She hopes that as members of the campus community become aware of her services that those who need help will call her.

"If they feel uncomfortable using services where they work or go to school, I can refer them to other sources," she said.

McCunn works under the crime prevention unit in the victim services program for UCF's police department. UCF has had someone to work with victims since 1984, but it was such a new field that very little was done. When Sgt. Sandra McClendon took over the crime prevention unit in 1989, the victim advocate program started to become more active.

McCunn also is involved in presenting educational workshops. One is called, "I know you said 'no' but I thought you meant yes," which explores the problems of date rape, and "dangerous dating," which includes domestic violence of all types.

"I will come and speak to any group that is interested in these topics," she said.

The advocate program is open 24-hours a day. McCunn is available at x2425 during regular office hours, but can be reached through the police department number x5555 at all other times.

Partnering workshop explores avenues opened by NAFTA

UCF's College of Engineering hosted a workshop for professional engineers at the Harley Hotel this month. The event was co-sponsored by the International Activities Committee from the college and the NAFTA Task Force of the Florida Engineering Society. The two-day program encouraged the exploration of the new market opportunities created by NAFTA.

The workshop activities were created to prepare faculty and practicing professionals to comfortably operate across the border, develop relationships to promote exchanges, open up greater partnerships, permit development of an engineering education and practice using data bases and to place UCF at the forefront of the free trade negotiations.

Fun events for youths test their academic savvy

As a member of the Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering, UCF is offering two special competitions in mathematics and engineering for elementary, middle and high school students from the surrounding area. UCF will host the SECME Regional on March 4 and the SECME State Olympiad from April 21-23. Both events offer a number of novel competitions, such as an egg drop, bridge building, mousetrap construction, brain bowl and mystery contest.

SECME, which strives to increase the pool of minorities who study engineering, mathematics and science in college, is a consortium of 34 universities, 74 school systems, 16,547 students, 65 corporations and 375 schools.

Member universities offer a Summer Institute on a rotating basis that helps teachers by showing them how to implement the SECME program into their schools, such as using methods for integrating computer technology into the classroom and ways to explore the requirements and opportunities of careers in engineering, mathematics and the sciences.

Math seeks new chair

The College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Central Florida invites applications for the position of chair of the department of mathematics. A distinguished mathematician with a proven record of professional accomplishment and a commitment to excellence in both undergraduate and graduate education is sought to guide the future development and expansion of the department. Candidates should have the rank of full professor at the University of Central Florida and have a Ph.D. in mathematics or in a related field. Nominations and applications must be sent to M. Richardson, Chair, Search Committee, CREOL, UCF, 12424 Research Parkway, Orlando, FL 32826. Deadline is March 3.

Leadership UCF looks for a few good students

When Belinda McCarthy, dean of the College of Health and Public Affairs, graduated from a program called Leadership Orlando in 1992, she began to think about a similar program for college students that would better prepare them for taking leadership roles in their community.

The program she attended was developed by the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce for professional leaders, who learned about the challenges and problems facing the Central Florida community. The program strived to inspire them to become active in working on those problems.

Leadership UCF, a unique program in the country, is striving to achieve the same with students. The program's inaugural class with 39 students was launched last year with the support of numerous members of the university's community.

McCarthy, the instructor of record and principal investigator for the program, and others in the university community worked with the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce to design a pilot course that uses the resources of the university and the community.

"The program was designed to let outstanding students—ones who have already demonstrated leadership qualities—explore and really participate in solving community problems," said Rick

Robbins, director of development for the College of Health and Public Affairs. "Students receive hands-on experiences along with discussions and their studies."

Students spend one to one and a half days each month on and off campus visiting local businesses and industries, social service agencies, cultural organizations, government agencies and medical facilities.

Assigned readings, papers, reports, journals and group discussions led by faculty and community leaders give them the opportunity to work on real community problems. After they learn about the challenges, the students analyze and develop strategies for dealing with those challenges.

Robbins said that a field trip through UCF's wetlands and arboretum was the basis for study and discussion on air pollution, building construction and roadways to determine UCF's future ecological challenges. A student-led debate on the topic let the students try out their advocacy skills.

Studies on government and urban planning were culminated by creating a city on a computer simulation program.

The two-semester course focuses on a different field each month. The course covers government,

economic development, environment and transportation, quality of life, education, multiculturalism, health, criminal justice and social services.

Funding for the program was provided by the Chesley G. Magruder Foundation, which has a history of supporting the university. More than \$28,000 was given for the upcoming year. University leaders hope that the program will develop into a national model for other universities to follow and that it will eventually become a national organization.

Lynx provides transportation for off campus activities.

Qualified junior and seniors can apply to the program or can be recommended by a professor. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership skills, academic performance, interest and commitment to full participation.

Students receive three credits for this pass/fail course and are evaluated on the basis of their journals, self-reports, exit interviews and assessments from faculty.

Application forms are available in each dean's office, the registrar's office and Student Affairs. Further information is available from the College of Health and Public Affairs at x0171.



UCF Marketing Students Win Scholarships

The department of marketing held a reception Dec. 1 to honor its scholarship winners for the 1994-95 academic year. The department awarded 11 J.C. Aspley Scholarships and the Gordon Paul Scholarship for Excellence in Marketing. The winners, from left to right, are Melissa Wilkinson, Michelle Tucker, Wendy Stafford, Cynthia Sensabaugh, Sophia Petkov, Elizabeth Lauwidjaja, Tina Herendeen, Vivian Davidson, Melanie Combes and Teresa Chandler. Sensabaugh received the Gordon Paul for Excellence Scholarship, also.



Irene Butler receives a plaque in recognition of her position as secretary for the Faculty Senate. She is stepping down from the position that she held for seven years. Presenting the award are, left to right, Glenn Cunningham, immediate past chair of the Faculty Senate and chemistry professor, and Naval Modani, the current chair and a finance professor.

Renowned poet Maya Angelou to give lecture at UCF Arena

Maya Angelou, hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary literature and a remarkable Renaissance woman, will give a lecture at the UCF Arena Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The Campus Activity Board is presenting "An Evening With Maya Angelou." Student Government is sponsoring the event.

Angelou is a poet, educator, historian, best-selling author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer and director. She travels the world making appearances on college campuses. She is known for her ability to captivate audiences with her vigor and perception.

She has written 11 bestselling books, including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and her more recent book "Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now."

In 1981, she was appointed to a lifetime position as the first Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University. In January 1993, she became only the second poet in U.S. history to have the honor of writing and reciting

original work at the Presidential Inauguration. Her poem for Bill Clinton's inauguration was titled "On the Pulse of Morning," for which she won a Grammy award for Best Spoken Word Album.

Her awards are numerous and in a variety of fields. She was named one of the Top 100 Most Influential Women by Ladies' Home Journal and received the Horatio Alger Award, Woman of the Year award from Essence magazine, Distinguished Women of North Carolina and the American Academy of Achievement's Golden Plate Award.

As an actress, she received a Tony Award nomination for her performance in "Look Away" and an Emmy nomination for her role in the made-for-television movie "Roots."

Her book, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," was nominated for the National Book Award and "Just Give Me A Cool Drink of Water 'Fore I Diiie" was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

People

Employee of the Month

Name: Sheila Anderson

Title: Administrative assistant

Department: Public affairs, University Relations

Job description: Develops calendars for the university for use in the magazine, Pegasus, The UCF Report, and profs (sanderson). Manages budget for the division, payroll and personnel transactions, identifies equipment needs, manages marquee announcements, proofreads publications and manages all aspects of the department.

Length of service: With University Relations for five years and a little over a year with public affairs.

Background: Moved from New York seven years ago and worked previously for the Disabled American of the Year owner and president of a computer service company in

Orlando.

Hobbies: Prolific reader, especially historical novels, attends the opera for all local performances and promotes the UCF Alumnae Women's Soccer Team.

Quote: "I love being part of and working with the 'media connection team' and consider myself very fortunate to be here.

In praise: "Sheila is a person you can really count on. If you ask her for assistance, you can be sure the job will get done."

—Tom Messina, alumni director

"I have never met anyone who measures up to Sheila in terms of dedication and work ethic. Sheila is consistently redefining her own job description. She always is finding ways to be



more helpful to the public affairs staffers in the performance of their work, as well as going out of her way to answer questions outside callers raise about campus events, activities and other matters."

—Dean McFall, assistant vice president of University Relations and director of public affairs.

Activities

Stan Atkinson, associate professor, department of finance, will have his article titled "Canadian Mutual Fund Reaction to the Passage of NAFTA" published in the May 1995 issue of Economic Planning in Free Societies.

Jim Gilkeson, assistant professor, department of finance, co-authored the article titled "Buy, Sell or Hold? Valuing Cash Flows from Mortgage Lending." This article was published in the November/December 1994 issue of Economic Review.

Pamela Lewis, chair and associate professor, department of management, Stephen Goodman, associate professor, department of management and Patricia Fandt, department of management, University of Washington Tacoma, are co-authors of the book titled "Management—Challenges in the 21st Century." This 1995 copyright textbook is currently required for business students taking management 3025.

David Brunner, associate professor of music, has been named president-elect of the Florida chapter of the American Choral Directors' Association. This professional organization is comprised of choral conductors and teachers from schools, colleges and

universities, community, church and professional choral ensembles. His composition "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" was recently released by Boosey and Hawkes.

Carol Bast was appointed associate editor of the American Association for Paralegal Education and Practice Journal, January 1995. She was also appointed co-chair of the American Association for Paralegal Education Southeast Regional Conference to be held in Orlando on May 20.

John Whitney, professor of music, performed with his trio as the opening "act" for Bob Newhart at the King Center for the Performing Arts in Melbourne in January. His appearance as guest conductor with the Springfield (AM) Symphony in December produced a rave review from the Springfield Union-News. Following the banner, "Merriment reigns at SSO's 'Holiday Pops' Concert," reviewer Clifton Noble stated, "It was easy to see why he was a great asset to the program." Whitney shared the stage in Springfield with SSO Chorus director Lucinda Thayer, a former faculty member at UCF. Whitney returns to Springfield in March for another appearance as guest conductor of the SSO.

Dean Receives Two Music Awards

Mary Palmer, dean for the College of Education, was elected into the Hall of Fame and also received the Leadership Award for Music Education at the 1995 Florida Music Education Association In-Service and Clinic Conference in January. The awards recognized her record of leadership, creative initiative and service to music, music education and related arts and disciplines over the last 25 years.

Palmer has served as president of the Florida Music Educators Association and president of the Southern Division of MENC in Florida. She headed the ACE project—Arts for a Complete Education and has lobbied tirelessly for music, music education and the other arts.

She has received numerous grants for music education and art projects. Her publications include many books, textbooks, videos and articles, ranging from the how-to to the philosophical and persuasive. Palmer has worked with educational publishers, such as Silver Burdett and Ginn, and the Yamaha Corp. She has also led in the preparation, presentation and publication of music educational materials for the Florida Music Educators Association and National Public Television.

Newcomers

Valerie Byrd, senior clerk in the registrar's office, was a program coordinator at Tulane University, New Orleans. Byrd received a B.S. in marketing at East Tennessee State University, and she is married to Anthony Byrd.

Gayle Winterbottom, senior clerk in Sponsored Research, was a grants assistant in the same department. Winterbottom enjoys billiards and bike riding. She and her husband have one child.

Penny Qualls, office assistant in the Library's administration office, was a grants assistant in Sponsored Research. Qualls and her husband have two children, and she enjoys spending time with her family and reading.

Shanon Roberts, area coordinator for housing and residence life, is a graduate assistant student who received a B.A. from Furman University and an M.A. from UCF.



Richard Lombard holds up a picture frame he received at a Chinese Gift Exchange at Kelsey's during a holiday party for member of the UCF police department. Lombard, who was born in 1919, is one of three parking patrollers.

CLASSIFIED

For sale

AMC Concord, '80, 110k miles, runs great. Indestructible 6 cyl., 2-door, A/C, P/S, P/B, new water pump, exhaust system, thermostat, hoses and belts. \$700. Jesse, x2644 or 382-2650.

Capri Convertible, '91, 88k miles, automatic, very good condition, fully equipped, \$5,200. 677-6218.

Chevy Cavalier, 1987, 4-door, auto/air, 87,000 miles. \$3,000 or OBO. June, 699-9864 (after 6 p.m.) or x2188.

Condo for rent at Hunter's Reserve (on Alafaya Trail, 3 minutes from UCF), 2-bed/2-bath, Dishwasher, disposal, washer/dryer, range, refrigerator. Clubhouse, pool, spa, basketball and tennis courts, corner unit/ground floor. \$575 per month (includes maintenance). Need someone to move on May 1. Iris Martinez-Peta, x0899 or 359-7890.

Electric dryer, \$60. King-size mattress and box springs, \$50. Jesse, x2644 or 382-2650.

Elegant 3-piece wall unit. Almond beige with glass and solid-fronted cabinets. \$350. x0094 or 740-6668.

Honda Accord DX, 1987, 4-door, automatic, power steering, power brakes, A/C, AM/FM cassette player, good condition, \$4,500. 869-6412.

House, 3/2 in Winter Park (Winter Pines Golf Course). Quiet, secluded neighborhood near UCF, double fireplace, eat-in kitchen, vaulted ceiling, sparkling new pool, formal living room with cedar ceiling, security system, 30-foot screened porch, ceramic tile throughout, 2,000-sq. ft. \$145,900. 699-9197.

HP Desk Inkjet Printer, 500 series, \$300. Helen, 5094.

Karmann Ghia, '69, automatic, needs to be restored. \$400 or OBO. 568-1219 evenings.

Kilk, 39x27 inches, Blue Diamond, Model 123, 230 volt. Almost new, \$500. Upright piano, good for beginner, \$300. Kenmore Refri., 8 years old, 19.7 cu. ft., good condition, \$100. Sm. refri., dorm size, good condition, \$50. Docker, brand new, men size 81/2, \$20. Tom or Karen, 422-6227 or Karen, x2707.

Loveseat, makes into single bed, light gray, excellent condition, \$50. x2754 or 273-7856.

New desktop PC, 486DX2/50KHz W/ZIF socket; IntelVerified: for Pentium Over Drive Processor; 4 MB RAM; 420 MB hard drive; 1 MB video RAM; double-speed CD-ROM; 16-bit sound blaster; external speakers w/volume control; FAX modem 9600/2400; mouse; keyboard (101); 3-1/2" floppy drive; Windows 3.11; MS DOS 6.22 and \$500 worth of other software titles preloaded and ready to run. \$1,250. Otto, 677-6840 after 8 p.m.

Sofa, blue/mauve print, like new, \$175. Chair, multicolored, \$50. 366-6388.

Van front seats, tan velour, recline, swivel, like new, very comfortable. \$300 for both. 644-7148.

Volvo 240DL, 1983, 4-door, automatic, power steering, power brakes, A/C, radio, good condition. \$2,900. 869-6412.

Young dog—free. We cannot find his owner. We already have a dog and cannot keep him. He is housebroken, very gentle. Height 12", black, white and cream. We think he is a mountain cattle dog. He is neutered, lovable. Mary, x4664.

Wanted

Ping, #3 wood. Oroma. x3893 or 855-7730.

"G" Railroad train or accessories. Also Johnson Bros. china, white "Athena." Richard, x2419.

Someone to sew/make slip covers for couch, love seat and chair. Tina, x2889.

Used Mac color w/68030 (i.e., IISI) computer, x3309 or 767-0478.

Miscellaneous

Mountain cabin, located in N. Georgia mountains, 3 miles from Helen, famous for its Bavarian Village and Oktoberfest. 2 story, 2 bdrm, fireplace, located on Wildwood on Pink Mountain. 9 miles from white water rafting, 3 miles from horseback riding, 4 miles from tubing on the Chatahoochee River, 1 1/2 hours from snow skiing. \$250 week. Linda, 855-0881 or x6102.

Word processing, proofreading and editing. Dissertation, theses or other reports. Kathy, 365-2620 or Larry, 281-7822.

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CALENDAR

February

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- College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST). Details: x5109
- Women's Basketball at Campbell University, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Charleston, Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- Recreational Services: Beach Volleyball, coed, RS101. Details: x2408
- CEL's Annual Spring Activity. Details: 823-5107
- Expanding Your Horizons Seminar. Details: 823-5554

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- Music: UCF Jazz Lab at Central Florida Jazz Society. John Whitney, Conductor. Rosemont Country Club, 2-5 p.m. Details: x2863
- Men's Tennis vs. Troy State, Arena, 10 a.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. Troy State, Arena, 10 a.m.
- 10K State Championship Racewalk, Lake Claire-Arena area, 8 a.m. Details: x5841

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- Music: UCF Orchestra, John Whitney, Conductor. University High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Details: x2869

20-26

- Arts: Regional Finalists of the National competition for high school artists. reception: TBA. Details: x2194

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- Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Details: x5982

- Tuesday Knight Live: Tom Deluca, Hypnotist, Arena, 8 p.m. Details: x6006
- Construction Contractors Continuing Education Program. Details: x6103

21-23

- DIS for Users and Managers Seminar. Details: 823-6103

21-March 9

- Risk Management Workshop (Tuesdays). Details: x6103

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- Guest Speaker, Mayor Glenda Hood: "Women in Politics," Student Center Auditorium, 2 p.m. Details: x2538
- Distinguished Lecture Series: Maya Angelou, Arena, 8 p.m. Details: x3070
- Forum: "His-story or Our-story," Student Center, 211, noon. Details: x2117
- Men's Basketball at FAU, Boca Raton, 7:30 p.m.
- Recreational Services: Wrestling, RS101. Details: 823-2408

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- Women's Basketball vs. Florida International, Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- Forum: "The Black Family - Roles of Males & Females," TBA, 8-10 p.m. Details: x2450
- Town & Gown Golf Scramble. Details: 423-6938

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- Men's Tennis vs. Jacksonville at Tallahassee, 3 p.m. Details: x2256

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- Family Violence Seminar. Details: x6103

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- Men's Tennis at Florida State, 2:30 p.m.
- Student Nurses for Health, Brevard Campus, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Details: (407) 631-5440
- Men's Basketball at Mercer, 4:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Florida Atlantic, Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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- Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. Chen Ning Yang, 1957 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics: "Symmetry and Physics," PH 409, 4 p.m. Details: x6284
- Recreational Sports: Softball, Feb. 27-April 25. Details: x2408
- Recreational Sports Deadline: Floor Hockey, play Feb 27-April 25. Details: x2408

27/March 5

- Caribbean Awareness Week; CSA Week Kick-Off, SCG, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Details: 823-4742

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- Distinguished Lecture Series: Chen Ning Yang, 1957 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics: "The Yang-Baxter Equation" in PH 409, 11:45 a.m. Details: x6284
- College of Education: International Conference on Technology. Details: x6269
- Tuesday Knight Live: Davis &

Wingfield, Singing Duo, Wild Pizza, 9 p.m. Details: x2611

- Men's Tennis vs. Western Michigan, Arena, 2 p.m.

Library Exhibits

UCF: A Microcosm of the World, by Waltraud Morales, interim director, Office of International Studies
Black History Month, by Lashon Ferguson, president, African American Student Union
Bryant West Indies Collection, by Special Collections, library

Arts

- Feb. 17-24 Regional Finalists of the National Competition for High School Artists. UCF Art Gallery.
- March 10-April 13 Exhibit: Robert River: Prints and Drawings, UCF Art Gallery.

Music

- 2/20 Winter Orchestra Concert at 8:00 pm. Location TBA. Free

Help Wanted

Editor's note: Due to space limitations, only a brief job description is provided. For further information on job openings, contact personnel services, x2771 or individual departments. Associate dean, Student Affairs, Feb. 28. Director, Student Activities, Feb. 28. Assistant director, Student Affairs, Feb. 28.